

November 22, 2020

The Holy Eucharist  
Feast of the Reign of Christ the King  
Last Sunday after Pentecost

The Live Streaming this morning is sponsored by Barbara Anderson Blake in honor of and in thanksgiving for Lt. Col. Douglas Anderson, Lt. Col. Simms Anderson, Lt. Col. Nicholas Anderson; and in thanksgiving for her grandson, Aidan Blake.

*The Prelude will begin at 9:00.*

**Prelude**

*Andante Pastorale*

Arthur W. Marchant (1850-1921)

*Please refrain from singing.*

**Opening Hymn: 494, vs. 1, 2, 5**

*Crown him with many crowns*

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began,  
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,  
crown him the Son of man;  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given,  
the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns,  
as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
for he is King of all.

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*        ✠Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*            **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*The Celebrant and People pray together the Collect for Purity*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The People remain standing for*

## The Collect for the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Collect for Our Country

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Word of God

*The People sit for*

### **The Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

*After the reading*

*Lector*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*The People remain seated and join in saying*

**Psalm 100    *Jubilate Deo***

**Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The LORD himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the LORD is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Then all standing, the Gospel is read, first saying.*

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-46).  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*After the Reading*

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People sit for*

**Reflection** The Rev. Dr. Michelle Baker-Wright

*The People stand for*

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten,  
not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The People remain standing, as able, for*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Communal responses are to be said quietly (whisper) by the Congregation.*

Almighty God, you are present with us in all circumstances, and in you we find refuge and strength. May we know you as one whose reign reflects justice and peace, reconciling all of creation to you. Give us confidence in your faithfulness to us, that we may know you more deeply and love others more compassionately. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Through his cross and resurrection, Christ has overcome death and been given authority over all things. We pray for all leaders in your Church, both lay and ordained, that they may always point to the hope to which Christ has called us. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are given wisdom, grace, and the knowledge of Christ. Bring your comfort and restoration to all places of suffering, especially all those experiencing spikes in the virus, to all places in Central America impacted by the hurricanes, and to those we now name (*we pause to add our own intercessions*). Align us with your Spirit, for all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

May your strength and healing surround those for whom we pray, especially those on our long-term prayer list, and those we now name (*we pause to add our own intercessions*). We also pray for those who are seeking work, who are in recovery, who struggle with physical or mental illness, or who are lost and in need of your guidance. Give them peace beyond all understanding, and provide for their needs. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Catheryn Brockett, and those we now name (*we pause to add our own intercessions*). Grant them your peace, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Comfort all who mourn, that they may know your love and compassion in the midst of their grief. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of reflective silence is kept as all pray.*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
and one another.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

*Please refrain from singing.*

**Offertory Hymn: 403**

*Let all the world in every corner sing*

MACDOUGALL

Antiphon:

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!  
Amen.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant prays the words of the preface appointed, continuing with*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in calling ancient Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

**Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, James, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Fraction**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant gives the Invitation beginning with  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

### **Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

*The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we ask you to cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*Please refrain from singing.*

**Communion Hymn: 332**

*O God, unseen yet ever near*

ST. FLAVIAN

O God, unseen yet ever near,  
Thy presence may we feel;  
And thus inspired with holy fear,  
Before Thine altar kneel.

Here may Thy faithful people know  
The blessings of Thy love,  
The streams that through the desert flow,  
The manna from above.

We come, obedient to Thy word,  
To feast on heavenly food;  
Our meat the Body of the Lord,  
Our drink his precious Blood.

Thus may we all Thy word obey,  
For we, O God, are Thine;  
And go rejoicing on our way,  
Renewed with strength divine.

*The People stand or kneel for*

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
You assure us that in these holy mysteries  
we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*The Celebrant prays*

*The Blessing concludes with*

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*People* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Allegro moderato*

Arthur W. Marchant

We are grateful to Harry and Sophia Allen, our soloists in this morning's service.

*Please maintain a safe distance as each person or family group leaves the patio.*

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*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.  
Please join us at 11:30 this morning for a Zoom coffee hour.*

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